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TOPIC Military Activities in the Area of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. In the evening of 27 July 1955, a unit, presumably a mechanized regiment, left the Artillerie Kaserne (4341) in Eberswalde in 4 columns and proceeded toward the town.
2. At 2100 on 29 July, a column of some 60 trucks carrying soldiers with full field equipment, 6 x 120-mm. mortars, 6 AT guns of about 60 mm, and approximately 6 guns of 120 to 150 mm, passed through Eberswalde and proceeded toward the barracks installations. The column had come from the direction of Finow. 1
3. Between noon and 1345 on 28 July, 1 shipment which, among other materiel, included approximately 10 T-34 tanks, 2 T-34s without gun, 5 trucks, and 12 boxcars with personnel was seen at the Frankfurt/Oder freight station. The direction of drive could not be determined. At 1425, another troop train arrived at the main railroad station from a westerly direction. The vehicles on the trains were heavily soiled. 2
4. During the night of 21/22 July, approximately 250 tanks, 150 trucks with personnel, and 20 field kitchens left Camp Vogelsang (4823) at Templin and proceeded toward the Kappe-Kurtschlag-Grünwald area (southern portion of the Templin training grounds). Additional units left the camp toward Gross Doelln. Intensive air activity was observed, particularly at night. The approach roads to the training grounds were blocked and guarded by VP. 3

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1. Comment. This is an indication that the 6th Gds Mecz Div. also conducted exercises, presumably at regimental level, in late July.

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2. Comment. Tank firing details of the 7th Gds Mecz Div returned, probably from the Lieberose training grounds.

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3. Comment. This was probably a joint exercise of the units of the 25th Tank Div stationed in the Templin area.

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